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This letter is in reference to Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food".

I believe that the FDA's labeling requirements for irradiated food should not be permitted to expire. As a consumer of food I would like to know what I am buying. At the present time I have not done enough research about irradiation to determine what my decision would be about buying foods that are treated this way. Because some foods do tend to spoil fast I may choose to buy a product that is irradiated, but how would I know this if it does not have proper labeling. The label should be large enough to see and it should clearly state treated by irradiation and not other misleading words such as pasteurization. I also feel the FDA should do long term human feeding studies. The law should leave room to indicate in the future the results of these studies on a label. Such as studies show irradiation is safe or causes X in humans.

Thank you
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